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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action dated December 9, 2010, Applicants submit the present remarks in support of patentability. Prior to the filing of this Response, Claims 1-2, and 4-25 were pending, with claims 17-25 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-2, 4-7, and 9-16 stand rejected, while claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8 are objected to due to informalities.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.